

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 167, Adjournment Resolution.

The House passed H.R. 2528, Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2006.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5945–S6073*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-three bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1128–1160, S. Res. 157–159, and S. Con. Res. 39–40. **Pages S6021–22**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 606, to amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate methyl tertiary butyl ether from the United States fuel supply, to increase production and use of renewable fuel, and to increase the Nation's energy independence, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–74)

S. 302, to make improvements in the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–75) **Page S6020**

#### Measures Passed:

**Transportation Equity Act:** Senate passed H.R. 2566, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S5962**

**Adjournment Resolution:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 167, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. **Page S6063**

**Robert M. La Follette, Sr. Post Office Building:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1760, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in Madison, Wisconsin, as the "Robert M. La Follette, Sr. Post Office Building",

and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S6064**

**Recognizing Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association 50th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 159, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association and its members vital contribution to the oil and gas industry of the United States. **Pages S6064–65**

**Transportation Equity Act:** Senate insisted on its amendment to H.R.3, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, agreed to the House request for a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Inhofe, Warner, Bond, Voinovich, Chafee, Murkowski, Thune, DeMint, Isakson, Vitter, Grassley, Hatch, Shelby, Allard, Stevens, Lott, Jeffords, Baucus, Lieberman, Boxer, Carper, Clinton, Lautenberg, Obama, Conrad, Inouye, Rockefeller, Sarbanes, Reed, and Johnson. **Page S6060**

**Nomination Considered:** Senate continued consideration of the nomination of John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations. **Pages S5946–62, S5962–98**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 129 ), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5997**

Subsequently, Senator Frist entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination (listed above) failed. **Page S5997**

**Nomination Considered:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Janice R. Brown, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Page S6061**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur at 12 noon, on Tuesday, June 7, 2005. **Page S6061**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2005. **Page S6065**

**Nomination Considered:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit. **Page S6061**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture may occur on Tuesday, June 7, 2005. **Page S6061**

**Nomination—Referral:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of Israel Hernandez, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, received on today, be jointly-referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. **Page S6061**

**Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S6063**

**Signing Authority Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader, Majority Whip and Senator Warner, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S6063**

**Authority for Committees:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, all committees were authorized to file legislative and executive matters on Wednesday, June 1, 2005, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. **Page S6063**

## Appointments:

**Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, pursuant to Section 301 of Public Law 104–1, as amended by Public Law 108–349, announced the joint re-designation of the following individual, as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance: Susan S. Robfogel of New York. **Page S6064**

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Harry Robinson, Jr., of Texas, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2008.

Charles P. Ruch, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring August 11, 2010.

Tony Hammond, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2010.

Robert Joseph, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Kim Wang, of California, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2009.

Kenneth J. Krieg, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

Sean Ian McCormack, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Public Affairs). (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Raymond Simon, of Arkansas, to be Deputy Secretary of Education.

David Horton Wilkins, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to Canada. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

James M. Derham, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala. (Prior to this action,

Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

William Alan Eaton, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Paul A. Trivelli, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Victoria Nuland, of Connecticut, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Linda Jewell, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

John F. Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Georgia. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

30 Army nominations in the rank of general.

4 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

55 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

Routine list in the Coast Guard. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

Routine list in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

William Anderson, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Richard A. Raymond, of Nebraska, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety.

Randal Quarles, of Utah, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Israel Hernandez, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

Philip D. Morrison, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Ronald E. Neumann, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Gregory L. Schulte, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Gregory L. Schulte, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador.

A routine list in the Air Force. **Pages S6065–72**

**Messages From the House:** **Pages S6017–18**

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**Authority for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S6059–60**

**Privilege of the Floor:** **Page S6060**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—129) **Page S5997**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 167, adjourned at 9:02 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, June 6, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6065.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Carlos M. Gutierrez, Secretary of Commerce.

### APPROPRIATIONS: USAID

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), after receiving testimony from Andrew S. Natsios, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.